



# Defense Finance and Accounting Service

## DFAS SLC Seminar

## Wrap-up Discussion

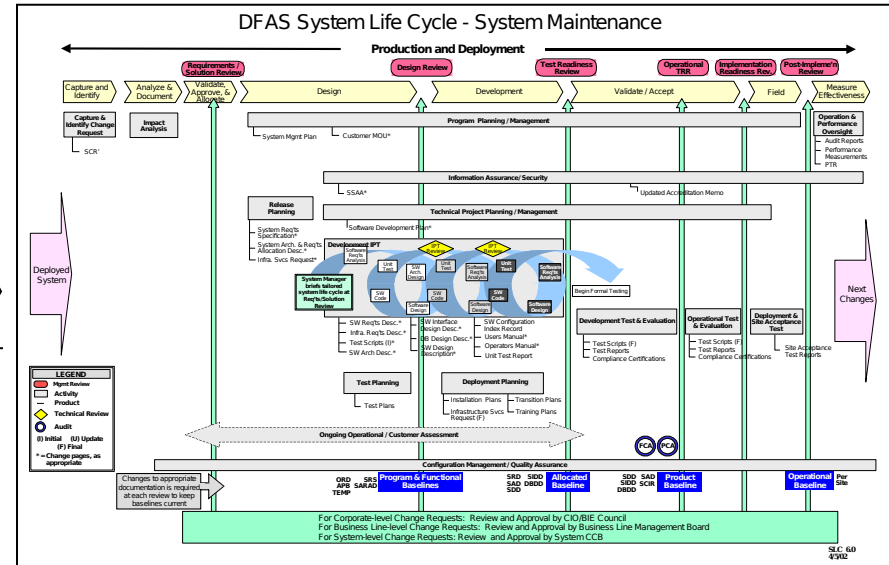
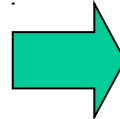
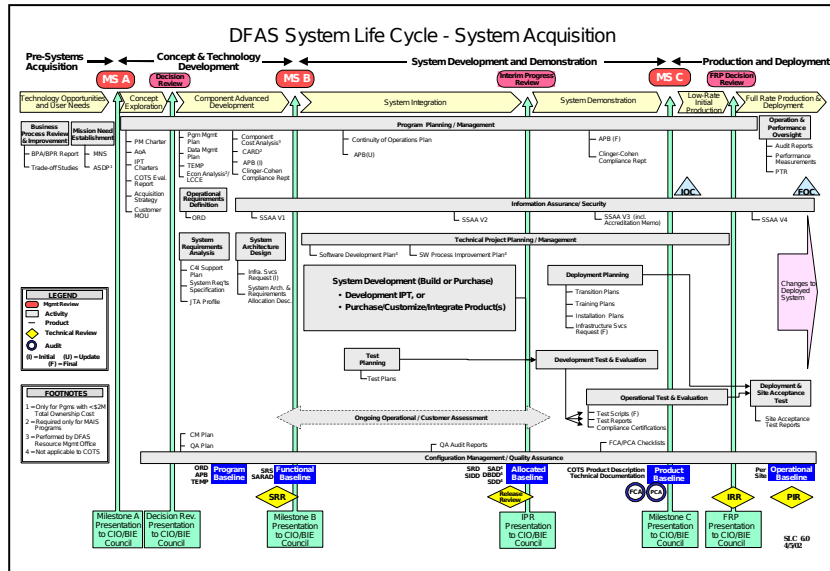
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# DFAS System Life Cycle 6.0

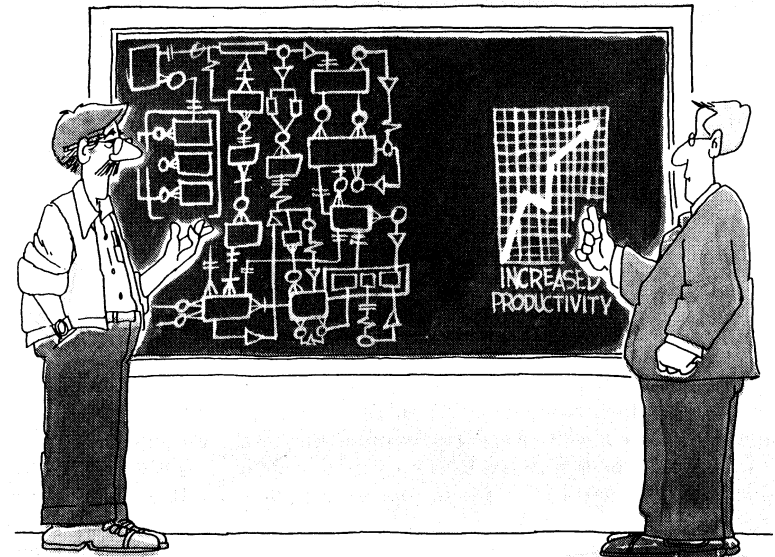
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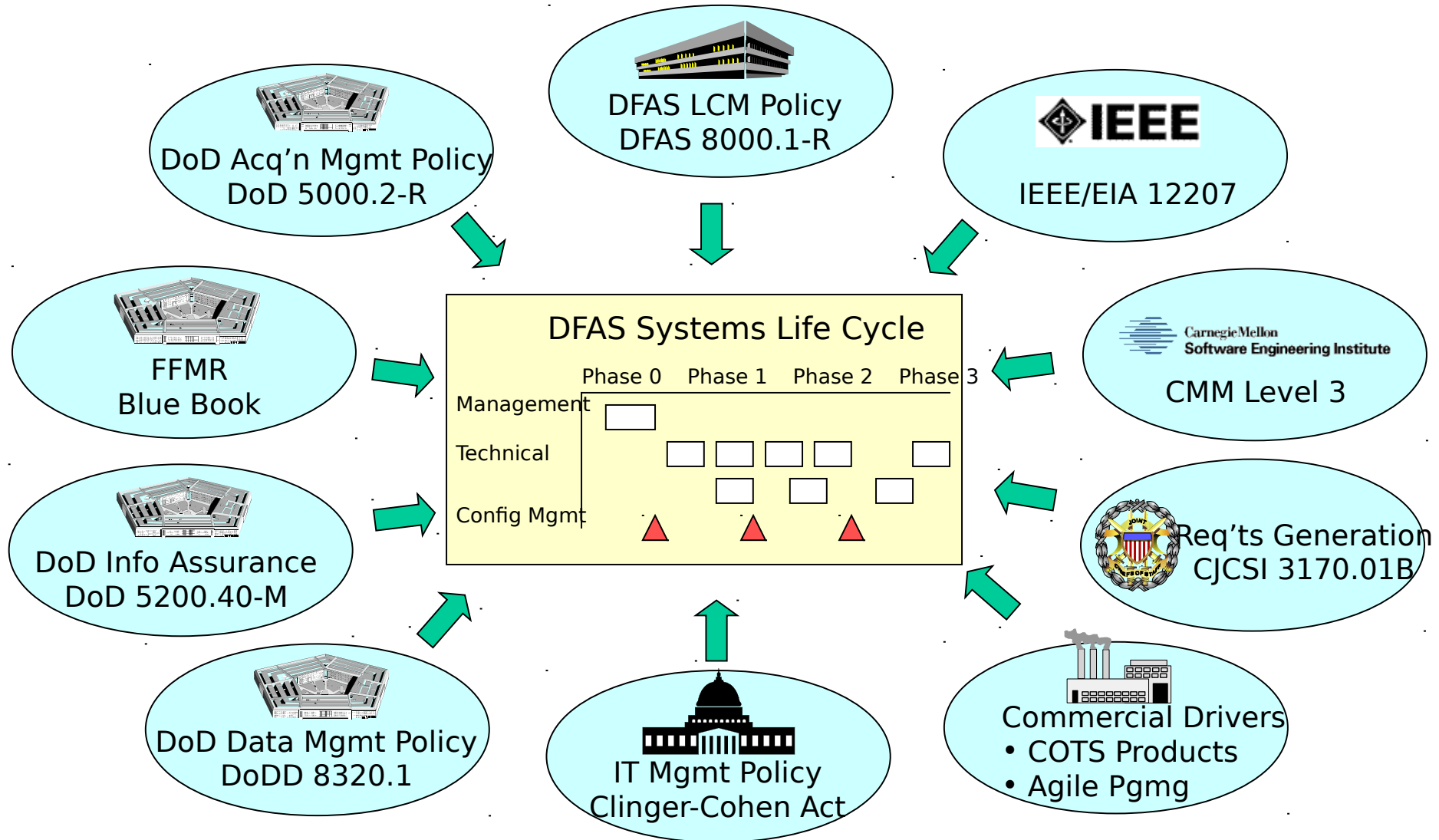
System Maintenance

# Life Cycle Management

- **Better Planning and Better Communication**
  - reduces cost, errors, rework;
  - increases confidence, completeness, management support;
  - reduces risk.



# Reduced to One Actionable Framework



# SLC 6.0

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- **LCM Policy**
- **SLC Diagram**
- **SLC detail of tasks, documents**
- **Team LCM training materials**
- **Tailoring guidance**
- **Web tools**

# SLC Web Resources

## In the Process Asset Library (PAL) on

- **www.dfas.mil**
- **DFAS e-portal**
- **development web**

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### DFAS System Life Cycle (SLC)

- [SLC Diagrams](#) (PowerPoint)
- [SLC Tasks](#)
- Tasks Related to:
  - [Process Area](#)
  - [Management Responsibility](#)
  - [Job Role](#)
- [Project Plan Template](#) (Project)
- [Documentation Standards](#)
  - [Documentation Matrix](#) (Excel)
- [Return on Investment \(ROI\) Calculator](#) (Excel)
- [Life Cycle Management Policy](#) (Word)
- [References](#)

The DFAS System Life Cycle provides a framework to plan and execute project activities. It facilitates program and software management "best practices," enables managers to assess and manage risk, and provides program flexibility and visibility to DFAS management. The SLC complies with DoD guidance, supports development and commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) customization approaches, and enables security assessment and planning.


The links to the left ease your review of the SLC. They start with high-level diagrams of the workflow and decision points and conclude with the detail policy. In addition to the diagrams, most users find the SLC tasks links most useful.


The SLC diagrams show both the acquisition and maintenance parts of the SLC. This general framework should be tailored by each program.

The Microsoft Project template is pre-populated with the complete SLC and can be tailored by any program to be their project schedule and tracking tool.

Documentation standards provide a ready reference of templates and the matrix places the documents in SLC perspective.

The return-on-investment (ROI) calculator computes standard ROIs, net present values, and payback periods from a string of cost and benefit streams that the user provides.

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# **Making it Easy for Programs**

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- **“How to” procedures;  
“cookbooks”**
- **Role-specific guidance**
- **Templates**
- **Tailoring assistance (DFAS-DTC)**
- **Training**

# SLC Benefits

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- **Management Visibility**
- **Tailoring to Program Needs**
- **Risk Reduction**
- **Alignment**
  - **DoD requirements; Clinger/Cohen Act; FMFIA**
  - **Capability Maturity Model (CMM) objectives**
  - **DFAS enterprise goals**
- **Consistency**
- **Assessment**
- **Repeatability**
- **Better Decision Making**